

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 7, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th, Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Twila Chaloupek
Vicki Churchman
Gerald Domotrovic
Janice Rich
Lisa Riley
Steve Roberts
James Roseboro
Janet Wilson
Bill Wynne

Guests

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City of Wichita Staff Present

Council Member Lavonta Williams
Officer Paul Kimble, Beat 47, Wichita Police Department
Officer Nate Schwiethale, Beat 22, Wichita Police Department
Doug Kupper, Director, Park and Recreation
Mary K. Vaughn, Director, Housing and Community Services
Mark Stanberry, Housing and Community Services
Capt. Jason Jones, Wichita Fire Department
5 Firefighters
Janet Johnson, District 3 Neighborhood Assistant

Order of Business

Call to Order

Pro Tem Steve Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and welcomed guests.

Approval of Agenda

Roseboro (Wynne) made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried **8:0**

Approval of Minutes

Churchman (Roseboro) made a motion to approve the minutes with noted correction. Motion carried **8:0**

Public Agenda

1. **Agenda Items**
No items submitted.
2. **Off Agenda Items**
No items submitted.

Staff Report

3. **Police Report**
Officer Nate Schwiethale, Beat 22, reported they have seen a huge increase in the number of residential burglaries. Police have recently arrested seven burglars, but don't believe they have caught all of the offenders in the area yet. In response police are doing a lot of special operations, he also encouraged citizens to call in any suspicious activity they observe in their neighborhoods. **Schwiethale** said it's important to keep your vehicles locked and conceal any valuable items,

including GPS units. He also reported that the homeless overflow shelters are now operating and they rotate monthly.

Janet Wilson asked if the burglary suspects are teen-agers or older. **Schwiethale** said they are mostly adults, but a couple of juveniles have been arrested.

(Council Member Williams arrived from another event at 6:40 p.m.)

Vicki Churchman said they have had a rash of graffiti in her neighborhood; **Schwiethale** said several areas have been hit with graffiti and it's best to get it covered as soon as possible.

Council Member Williams asked if any arrests were being made in conjunction with graffiti; **Schwiethale** said not consistently, that taggers are hard to catch and hard to prosecute.

Officer Paul Kimble, Beat 47, said Patrol North has seen an increase in burglaries throughout the entire Bureau; Officer Weber is working on a special project related to that and several possible suspects have been identified. The 47 beat has seen an increase in nonresidential burglaries and the Boys and Girls Club was hit twice in one weekend. The thefts included laptops and a Play Station 3.

James Roseboro said he was concerned because there was a peeping tom in his neighborhood the other night at 3 a.m. and the victims didn't call the police. **Kimble** stressed it's very important that citizens call police when suspicious activity is occurring.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

New Business

4. Changes/Revisions to City Ordinance Governing Park Land & Facilities

Doug Kupper, Director of Park and Recreation, presented recommended changes to the ordinance. Kupper explained city parks include two types of real estate: some of them are owned and governed by the Board of Park Commissioners and some of them are owned and governed by the City of Wichita. He said the main purpose of this ordinance change is to move all of the rules and regulations under one ordinance so all of the park land will be backed/governed by the same City ordinance.

(Janice Rich arrived at 6:50 p.m.)

The Rules & Regulations were last revised in 1986 and **Kupper** said recreation activities have evolved in the City since that time. For example, the City now has skate-board parks and will soon have dog parks and those need to be included and covered under the City ordinance.

Kupper said having all the parks regulated by the same ordinance will allow police to address and prosecute for violations. The new ordinance also mirrors the Special Events ordinance allowing for more consistency.

He noted a few specific items that the ordinance allows such as no glass containers, eliminating the use of fire works at City parks, prohibiting the inappropriate use of non-interactive fountains (such as the ones at the Hyatt and A. Price Woodard) and changing the fee structure so nonprofits can rent at a reduced rate.

Additionally, Kupper said the new ordinance will also give the Director of Parks the authority to change the hours of operation at a park if, for example, there was criminal activity occurring in the park. It also provides for a process to cancel permits or for a citizen to file an appeal with the City Council on a park-related incident.

Kupper also acknowledged **John Stevens**, District 1 Park Commissioner, and thanked him for his hard work and contributions to the proposed ordinance.

Bill Wynne noted that under the skate park rules and regulations there is nothing about skateboarding is it allowed somewhere else in the city other than skate parks. **Kupper** said the City has an ordinance on that. **Wynne** wanted to know what about on a bike path. **Kupper** said if the skate board was being used as transportation it would be acceptable. **Kupper** said if **Wynne** felt strongly about it he would take the ordinance back to the Board of Commissioners; **Wynne** said he didn't feel that strongly about it. Additionally, **Wynne** said he didn't see anything in the ordinance about the posting of rules. **Kupper** asked if he meant all the rules, or something specific; **Wynne** said all the rules. **Kupper** said they can't post all the rules because there are too many, but safety rules are posted. **Wynne** wanted to know if a citizen could request such a sign; **Kupper** said yes.

Lisa Riley wanted to know how the public will learn about the new ordinance; **Kupper** said it will be published in the newspaper and will be posted on the City website.

James Roseboro wanted to know about rental fees at City parks for neighborhood picnics. **Kupper** said the Park Department doesn't charge Neighborhood Associations to use park facilities. He said typically, the shelters and tables are on a first come/first serve basis, so it's best to make a reservation if you really need the facility. **Kupper** explained that the new ordinance allows him to let Neighborhood Associations use the facilities at no charge.

Lisa Riley asked when the changes will go into effect; **Kupper** said he hopes to present to Council in January.

James Thompson wanted to know the status of the ATV Park; **Kupper** said he is still hopeful to get it into the CIP (Capital Improvement Project).

Council Member Williams encouraged everyone to look over the ordinance and then e-mail her or Doug Kupper with their comments. She said the ordinance was also going to be presented to the Mayor's Youth Council.

John Stevens, District 1 Park Board Commissioner, pointed out that a large portion of the new ordinance has to do with obtaining permits to use the park. He said he strongly believes that the permits need to be posted on the City website so someone can go online and look to see if a certain facility has already been booked, or if they can apply for a permit to use it. He said, not only do the permits need to be posted, but this requirement needs to be stated in the ordinance.

Janet Wilson asked where one would go to obtain a park permit. **Kupper** said at any of the Neighborhood Recreation Centers or City Hall. He said the form can also be downloaded from the City's website.

Gerald Domitrovic had a question about the insurance requirement. **Kupper** said there are two things that will trigger the insurance requirement 1) food sales and 2) athletic endeavors

such as wrestling, boxing, 5K run, etc.

James Roseboro wanted to know how many days in advance one needed to reserve a park facility; **Kupper** said seven.

Janice Rich said her Neighborhood Association has rented at Hyde Park twice and have always had to pay. **Kupper** said under the new ordinance the Neighborhood Association wouldn't have to pay.

Roberts motioned to recommend that City Council adopt the ordinance with the recommended addition of posting approved permits online. Roseboro 2nd the motion. Motion passed (9:0)

Fire Report (moved down on the schedule due to a call out)

Captain Jason Jones, Station #10, reported that for the month of November the city of Wichita had 15 structure fires citywide. District 1 had four fires that resulted in \$81,000 worth of property damage. **Jones** reminded everyone to keep their Christmas trees watered so they don't dry out and catch on fire and also reminded everyone that the Wichita Fire Department would be collecting donations for the Salvation Army. Promotional exams were given today to 80 participants in the WFD.

Janet Wilson asked for clarification of the number of fires in District 1. **Jones** said four; 3 arsons and 1 accidental.

Jones said the WFD usually responds to at least one house or structure fire per day and make a total of around 50,000 calls per year. **Wynne** wanted to know how many of those 50,000 calls are false alarms; **Jones** said he didn't know, but that about 70 percent of their responses are medical calls.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

5. **Recommendations for FY 2010-2011 Funding Allocations: CDBG, HOME, ESG Funds**
Mary K. Vaughn, Director, and Mark Stanberry, Housing and Community Services, presented information on the consolidated plan. Vaughn recognized the four CDBG partners who were present for the meeting. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) considers the City of Wichita to be an entitlement city and as such Wichita receives annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. In order to receive these funds the City is required to prepare a Five Year Consolidated Plan. Then each year the City is required to submit an annual spending plan which addresses the priorities identified in the five year plan. City staff is projecting same level funding for 2010-2011 as the current fiscal year. CDBG: \$2,848,360 HOME: \$1,833,537 ESG: \$125,266.

Vaughn went over the Community Development Block Grant Funds Feedback Sheet and asked for input; she pointed out that in order to make increases to any area, there would have to be decreases in another area.

Vicki Churchman asked about the South Broadway Streetscape project; **Vaughn** said unfortunately HUD has some questions about spending the money on that, but she is working diligently to defend that expenditure.

Carrie Williams said there is a City tree in the area of 17th and Pennsylvania that has pushed up

the sidewalk and it's very dangerous. She said there are a lot of people in wheelchairs who need to use that sidewalk.

Following some discussion of the items, the DAB agreed it would be best to fill out the feedback form individually because trying to reach consensus on each item would be too time-consuming.

Carrie Williams said the Family Institute has administered a summer youth program, but will not be in a position to do that next year. She pointed out what an important project this is and asked that the funding for it not be decreased.

6. Nomination of Grants Review Committee Representative

It was moved and seconded to name **Gerald Domitrovic** as the DAB 1 representative to the committee.

Motion passed 9:0

Update

Updates, Issues and Reports

Roseboro announced that his Neighborhood Association would be hosting their annual Christmas party and he thanked everyone for their prayers during his heart surgery. He also reminded everyone about the WIN Annual Membership meeting on Jan. 18, 2010.

Twila Chaloupek reported she got a hold of her Neighborhood Association president.

Wynne said the section of Hillside that's being re-paved is in better shape than the section between 13th and 17th streets.

Churchman announced there would be no Historic Christmas Tour this year.

Wilson announced that her Neighborhood Association would meet at 3 p.m. on November 14th at the Spice Merchant.

Council Member Williams said KU Medical Center had contacted her and wants to be more involved in the neighborhood. She also said she is very proud that USA Track and Field is coming to Wichita and will draw 20,000 people July 26-31, 2011. She said there are lots of street repairs going on in District 1 with most of them having a completion date of April 2010.

Carrie Williams inquired about a proposed work release facility in District 1. **Council Member Williams** said the County is looking at 1600 E. Murdock and they think it's an ideal location, but she disagrees with them.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made. Motion carried 9-0. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Johnson
Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Beverly Domitrovic
Dan Rousen
Carrie Williams
Rev. ?
Mike Barushok
Andy Bias
Maggie Flanders
James Arbertha
James Thompson
Lori Lawrence
Debra Miller Stevens
John Stevens